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USSR-AFGHANISTAN: New Construction. (U)

[REDACTED] Extensive new construction is underway within several Soviet installations along Kabul's perimeter road.

[REDACTED] Seven two-story barracks buildings are nearing completion at the major armor installation, and at least two other new structures are being erected within the compound. The medical rehabilitation complex for Soviet soldiers also appears under expansion, with new structures replacing tents that had been up all summer. Precast concrete slab perimeter walls are being emplaced around several Soviet cantonment areas.

COMMENT: [REDACTED] This new construction could signify preparation for stationing additional troops in the capital, but it probably is intended to provide more permanent accommodations for Soviet units already deployed in Kabul. The hardening of the perimeter defenses of these installations underscores both the permanence associated with the Soviet presence in Afghanistan as well as the concern of the regime over the vulnerability of troops to insurgent attacks. [REDACTED]

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